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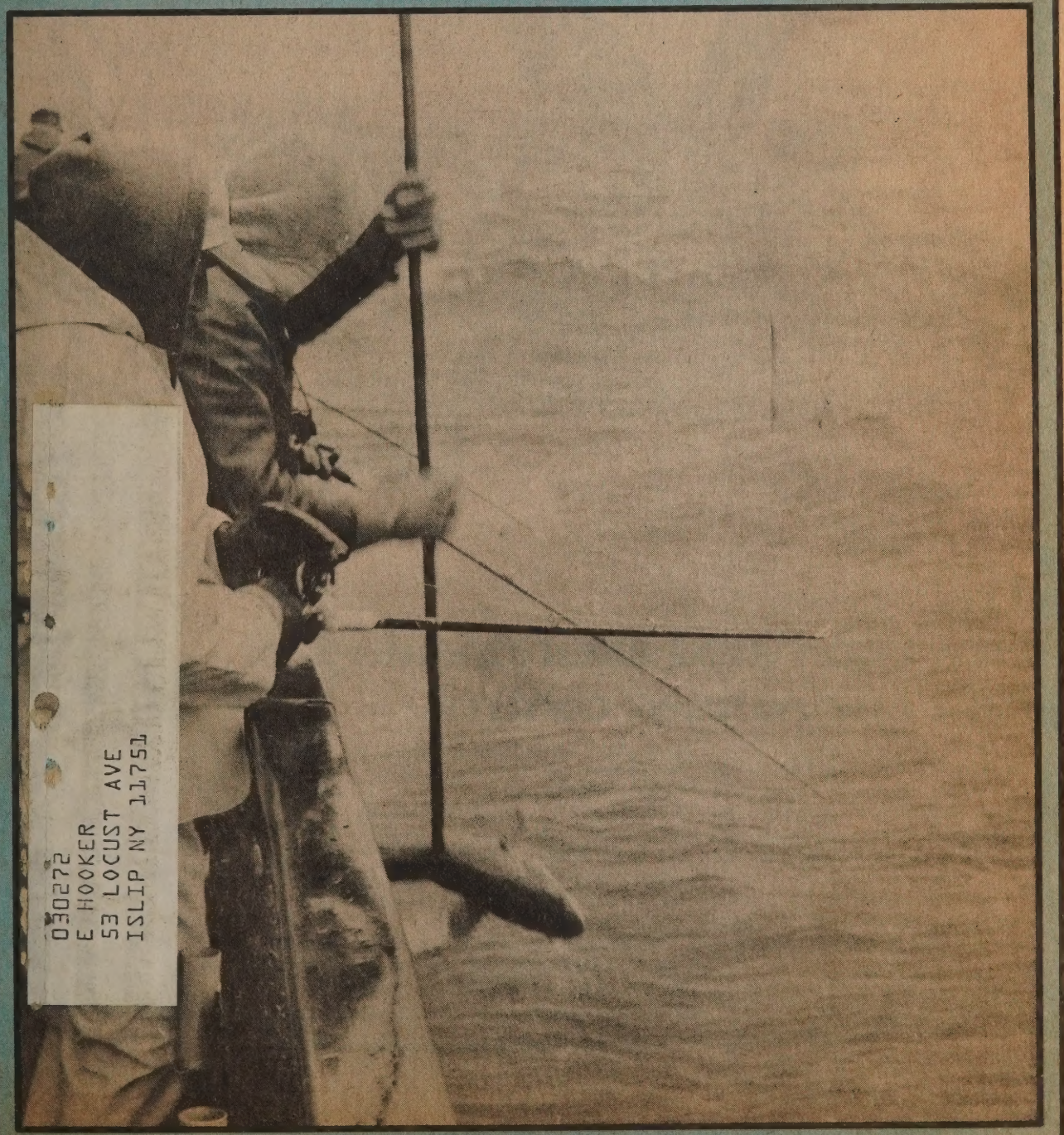

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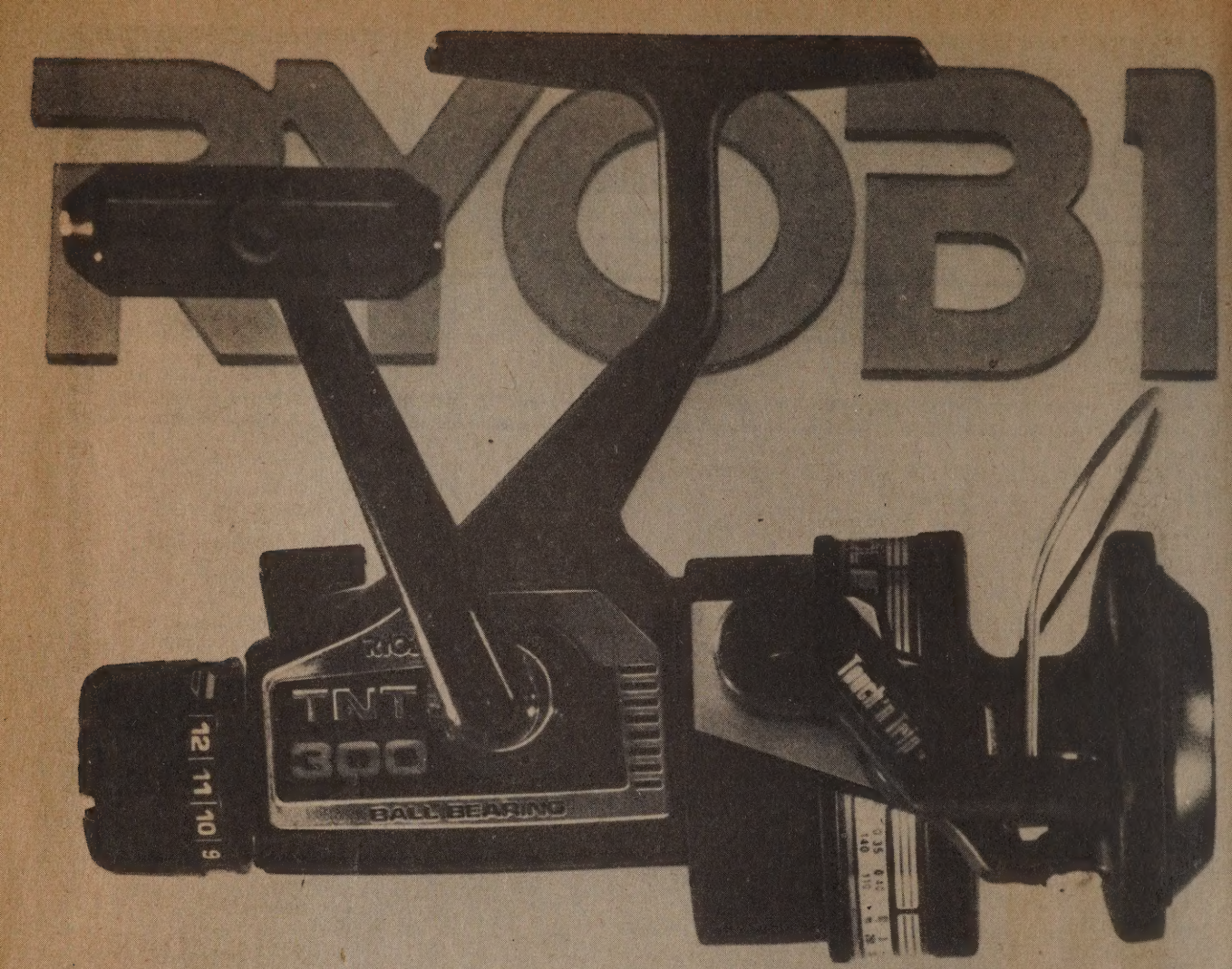

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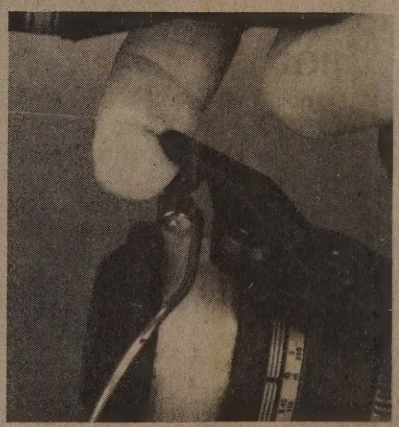

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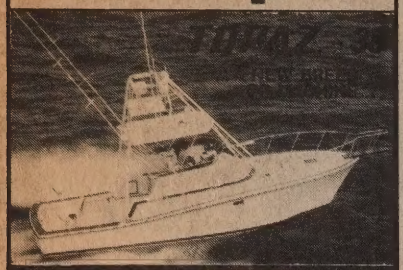

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Al, as he was known to his friends and colleagues, began his career in sporting goods in 1959 at the Times Square Stores. After an association of 13 years there, he became National Sales Manager for Gabriel Industries.

In 1975 he joined Henry Modell and Company, where he remained until his demise. Al was widely known in the industry for his ability and compassion for his fellow man.

Al was a graduate of Brooklyn College. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias, Congregation Nusach S'fard, American Cancer Society Memorial Branch and the Eastern Sporting Goods Association.

He is survived by his wife Florence, daughter Carol, his mother Lillian Schaffer and brother Phillip.

Contributions in Al's memory may be made to the Schnieder-Lerner Chapter of American Cancer Society, c/o Rhoda Goldberg at 2932 Avenue V, Brooklyn, New York 11229.

DOWNEY SECURES PLEDGE FOR LOCAL HEARINGS ON FIRE ISLAND BILL

Rep. Thomas J. Downey (D-NY) announced that a Congressional subcommittee will come to Long Island possibly as early as next spring to hear testimony on Downey's Fire Island legislation. Downey's measure is designed to improve management of Fire Island's beach properties.

Rep. Downey said he received a commitment for the local hearings from Rep. John Seiberlin (D-Ohio), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Public Lands and National Parks of the House Interior Committee.

No specific date has been set for the hearings. However, Downey said he wanted to let all interested parties know that it will not be necessary for them to travel to Washington to express their views.

"Local hearings will mean that those who are affected by the legislation, but who cannot come to Washington, will have the opportunity to be heard," said Downey.

Downey's legislation, introduced in the Senate by Senators Moynihan and D'Amato, would put the power of the Department of the Interior behind the local community authorities in enforcing their local zoning regulations. "The purpose of the amendment is to stop people from building illegally on the beach and to protect the national treasure of Fire Island," said Downey.

Downey said he has received several requests for local hearings from Long Island and Fire Island community leaders and public officials. "It's an important piece of legislation," Downey said, "and bringing these hearings back home will allow more people to take a closer look. I'm confident they'll see a bill that is good for Fire Island—and in a real sense, what's good for Fire Island is good for Long Island."

The legislation has the support of the Fire Island Association which represents 15 community assocations on Fire Island and the Villages of Ocean Beach and Saltaire. "We are pleased with the broad range of support the measure has received to date," said Downey.

S.O.S.—THANKS FOR HELP

The new, higher minimum sizes for striped bass are now in effect in New York State and LIF readers should know that achieving the passage and signing of the striped bass management bill was no easy assignment. While Save Our Stripers has been championing the cause of striped bass protection and management for more than 15 years, perseverance finally paid off. However, we must acknoowledge that we did not accomplish this task alone. This year, valuable support was provided by many groups, individuals, publications, tackle stores and marinas. Among the publications that provided important editorial backing, and one that generated large numbers of letters, Mailgrams, and phone calls to the State Capitol, was your own Long Island Fisherman. In addition to covering the management legislation in its pages, Editor "Doc" Muller penned a biologically convincing letter to Governor Mario Cuomo, and was later called upon by the Governor's counsel for scientific input on the bass situation. S.O.S. wishes to thank LIF, its editors and publisher for their backing and help in this important and successful campaign.

We also wish to inform readers that during the most crucial months in the battle for passage of the bill, Save Our Stripers ran out of money. Fortunately, some of its members advanced the necessary funds to help finish the fight. To help pay off this indebtedness, S.O.S. is asking all you striper fishermen, conservation, fishing organizations and tackle manufacturers and retail stores, all of whom will eventually benefit from an improved fishery, to make as generous a donation to S.O.S. as you can, today.

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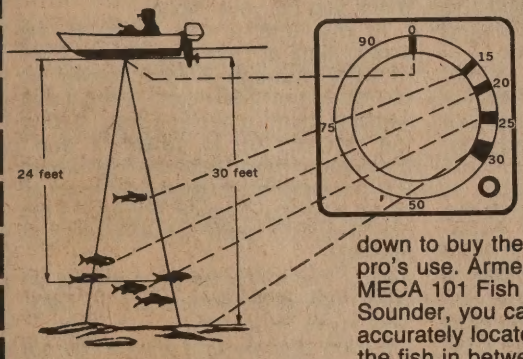

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CHUM LINES

SAVE THE WHALE AND THE FLOUNDER

I've been a reader of your newspaper for many years and have always enjoyed the interesting articles and reports.

I was particularly taken aback when I read that Carl Miller of Smokey's Tackle Shop reported that some "moron" was attempting to harpoon a Beluga whale. Most everyone who fishes the Fire Island Inlet area has probably encountered the baby whale that has inhabited the area all season. I know that some of the open charter boats that cater to youth groups often anchor near the area so the kids can see the whale close up. Many of us (with larger boats) have often taken our children out to see it and by stamping on the deck, it will usually surface to see what's for lunch in your bait bucket. We have also observed a harbor seal and some large sunfish in the area, something most kids from our area will never see in the wild and I strongly feel that everything should be done to protect their welfare.

I think I speak for many others when I say—if I see anyone trying to harpoon the baby whale, I will see that this person or persons are prosecuted to the limit. I hope the "moron" is reading this.

Another report which bothered me was the fact that people are chumming for flounder with corn. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I was led to believe many years ago that flounder cannot digest corn and small flounder cannot pass the corn through their systems which eventually kills them. This may not bother some people since last weekend I observed people keeping flounder small enough to bring home for my son's fish tank. The preservation and conservation of our bays and ocean is up to all of us. Let's not ruin it for the next generation. Look what we did to the blowfish. *Robt. M. Hines, Bay Shore, NY.*

First, on the whale. We agree completely with you in your disgust for anyone who would willingly attempt to harm a whale. This is not a by-gone age, and I believe we are all sufficiently informed about sea mammals to realize they are intelligent and sensitive creatures. We never condone killing for killing sake whether it be fishing or hunting or any activity. We take no exception to those who hunt for food and we take no exception to those who fish for food. That is not to say we do not hunt and fish for fun, but we believe one should keep only those fish which one plans to eat. Releasing fish because of size or excess is a sound principle that is catching on. If a whale is inhabiting an area where it is accessible, we must understand that Nature has provided us with a unique opportunity—a classroom, if you will, to get close to another creature that is usually remote from us and an opportunity to expose children to and teach children about sea mammals in a natural setting. Absolutely, if you witness an attempt to kill the whale pursue it. Only if fellow humans hold our peers accountable for improper actions can we expect to forge a better world for all of us and at the same time live up to our responsibilities as protectors of other creatures who lack the ability to fight back.

On the corn. The argument about the use of corn for chum was settled about a decade ago by the research findings of DEC senior fisheries biologist Phil Briggs. In a series of experiments Mr. Briggs proved that the flounder are not harmed by the corn and furthermore, grew faster when fed corn exclusively. So, go right ahead and use that corn for chum. Dr. W.A. Muller.

MORE ON DEMOCRAT POINT ACCESS TIMES

In the November 3rd issue of The Long Island Fisherman, you answered a letter I had written to you, and I thank you for your reply.

In my letter I had asked if the access time at Democrat Point, from Monday through Friday, could be moved up to 10AM from 7AM, so that vehicles could enter any time during the morning up to 10AM. I don't understand how this change would effect the die-hard dawn fisherman as you suggested it would. Perhaps I did not bring my point across clearly in my letter.

Again, thank you for your efforts on behalf of surf fishermen. *Jos. T. Daly, New Hyde Park, NY.*

I'm sorry that my first answer did not totally satisfy you; so let me try again.

The setting of conditions for access to Democrat Point is a result of the abuse of that portion of the park by others. Happily, this abuse has not come from fishermen, but from non-fishermen joy-riders who find the beach to be a convenient out-of-the-way place to raise hell and engage in activities that would not be tolerated very long in a less remote locale. Thus, the decision involves social, political, economic, and user need considerations. The 7AM time, we are told by the Commission, represents the best time to satisfy all the needs and factors mentioned above. The Fishing Advisory Board is not privy to all the data and reasons that caused the Commission to arrive at the 7AM timing. If you believe that the setting of another time would be more meaningful, then let me urge you to write a detailed letter to Mr. John Sheridan, General Manager at Commission Headquarters in Belmont Lake State Park, Babylon, NY. Dr. W.A. Muller.

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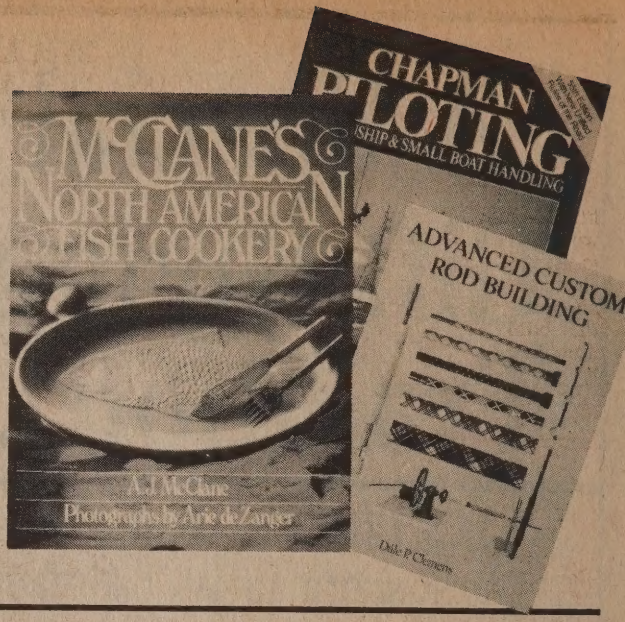

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CONTROVERSY OVER MARYLAND BASS PLAN

by Dick Russell

At a meeting of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission in Rockport, Maine on October 25th, Maryland officially unveiled new proposals for revising the coastal State/Federal Management Plan for the striped bass. But while calling for somewhat tougher protective measures in the other states, Maryland's own provisions for the critical Chesapeake Bay fell far short of what most experts believe should be done.

Let's look first at what Maryland is asking all the other states to do for the striper. First, it's suggested that the four-fish-a-day allowance below 24 inches be eliminated. This would establish a coastal 24 inch minimum size limit across-the-board, which Massachusetts and New York have already done. Maryland also suggests a prohibition on any sale of stripers without a license, "so that state and federal biologists have information concerning effort and a source of harvest statistics to be used in the management of this species."

Another proposal is a five-fish-daily creel limit on stripers of any size for recreational fishermen. This idea seems like a moot point, since practically nobody is able to catch that many stripers by rod-and-reel any more.

Finally, and more significant, is Maryland's call for a ban on spring ocean fishing during the period when the bass are migrating back into the Chesapeake area to spawn. "We are primarily concerned about the harvest of Chesapeake Bay stocks by North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland," wrote the Maryland officials. "Maryland plans to prohibit landing of striped bass caught in the ocean fishery and in our coastal waters from March 15 through May 31."

But within the Chesapeake itself, what Maryland is offering appears more like lip service to meaningful conservation. Not long ago, when the annual young-of-the-year survey revealed the third perilously low survival rate in the last four years (1.4 stripers per survey haul), there was talk of a total ban on striper fishing in the Chesapeake system. Then Maryland drew up a series of restrictions on the commercial netters that fell short of an outright ban, but which would severely curtail the watermen's harvest. But even those proposals have since been watered down considerably.

Here is what Maryland is now sending out to public hearings, along with the reaction from Jim Price, that state's main striper lobbyist and head of its charter boat association:

1. Prohibit the taking of bass by pound nets in the Chesapeake, during the spring migratory run from March 15 through May 31. "Pound nets catch a very small percentage of stripers any more," according to Price, "so this will really have no impact at all."

2. Ban all fishing in the Bay spawning reaches from April 10 through May 31. "We asked for a year-round closure in the reaches," says Price, "and originally they said they'd do this from March 15. As it stands now, they've only increased the ban **two days** from what they had this year. The only significant change is that the ban would include the Susquehanna River flats, which we've been asking them to do for three years."

3. Prohibit the use of anchor gill nets in the spawning rivers from March 15 through May 31. Again, Price had requested a total year-round ban on anchor gill nets. "These types of nets, based on reports by the State Department of Natural Resources, account for at least 40 to 50 percent of the commercial landings in Maryland," says Price. "There's also a big percentage in 'unknown gill nets', and the assumption is these are also the anchor type. We estimate that 70 percent of the stripers are caught **before** March 15. So this action is really not going to save many fish. Besides, the watermen will simply put three stakes on their anchor nets around the shore and call them stake nets—which are legal."

4. Raise the minimum mesh size for all types of nets to 3¾ inches, but not until November, 1984. Why Maryland isn't doing this immediately is a mystery to Price, since the current 3½ inch nets are **still** catching stripers under 14 inches long—a technical violation of the new minimum size limit law in the Bay.

5. Prohibit the taking of striped bass greater than 32 inches from January 1 through May 31. After that time, Maryland recreational anglers would be allowed to keep one "trophy fish" per day over that size. "It is strongly suggested," state officials add, "that other states enact a similar, one trophy fish per day regulation keyed to the maximum sized fish permitted to be taken."

This last regulation, particularly given the lack of strong regulations on the commercial men, is especially upsetting to Price. "They're taking away our right to keep one fish a day during the most important month, May, for the charter and sport fishing people. There are very few of these bigger fish around by June."

Another thing that concerned other state fisheries officials at the Maine meeting is that Maryland is not even addressing raising its Bay minimum size limit to 15 inches, as the management plan already calls for.

"They told us they were going to reduce the Maryland commercial harvest by 60 percent with new regulations," says Price. "But what they're proposing is only going to cut the commercial catch by 25 percent at the most."

A senior biologist in Maryland thinks even a 25 percent reduction is an optimistic estimate. "The original proposals were minimal and perhaps only an interim step depending on next year's survey," the biologist contends. "This was the consensus among the state biological staff. But what we considered minimal restrictions have now been gutted. This is just window dressing, and a lot of people feel they've been knifed in the back. I normally don't get bitter, but this time it's gotten to me because we really had hopes that this situation was going to change."

Why did Maryland backtrack so far on taking a tougher stand? Some point to a meeting between state officials and the watermen, on the eve of announcing the new proposals. But, as the biologist says, "nobody can figure out who's doing this and why. It doesn't make sense. People here who are concerned about the bass are getting to the point where they don't know where to turn or how to fight this thing."

Lee Zeny, the Maryland spokesman at the Maine meeting, sought to excuse his state's lack of more stringent fishing standards because of a pending conference among the Governors of Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia over what to do about pollution in the Chesapeake. "We feel the states are serious about improving water quality and habitat," said Zeny. But, as the Maryland biologist notes, "This Bay clean-up sounds like a pie-in-the-sky thing. I expect eventually it'll all snag up on funding."

Inside Maryland, worried fishermen are looking for some way to exert pressure on the state officials. "This new set of regulations is nothing but a joke again," says Mike Pivec, head of a Maryland sport fishermen's alli-

ance. "We're looking into legal action, a malfeasance suit against the DNR or something through the courts, rather than legislation."

Price, whose lobbying effort was primarily responsible for Maryland's raising its Bay minimum size limit from 12 to 14 inches last spring, adds: "We have hired an attorney who has already met with Maryland officials. But there doesn't seem to be any legitimate legal action we can take. So we are asking the Governor to take away DNR's regulatory authority and set up a separate commission on the bass. We've given up on the Department, it's a waste of time talking with them."

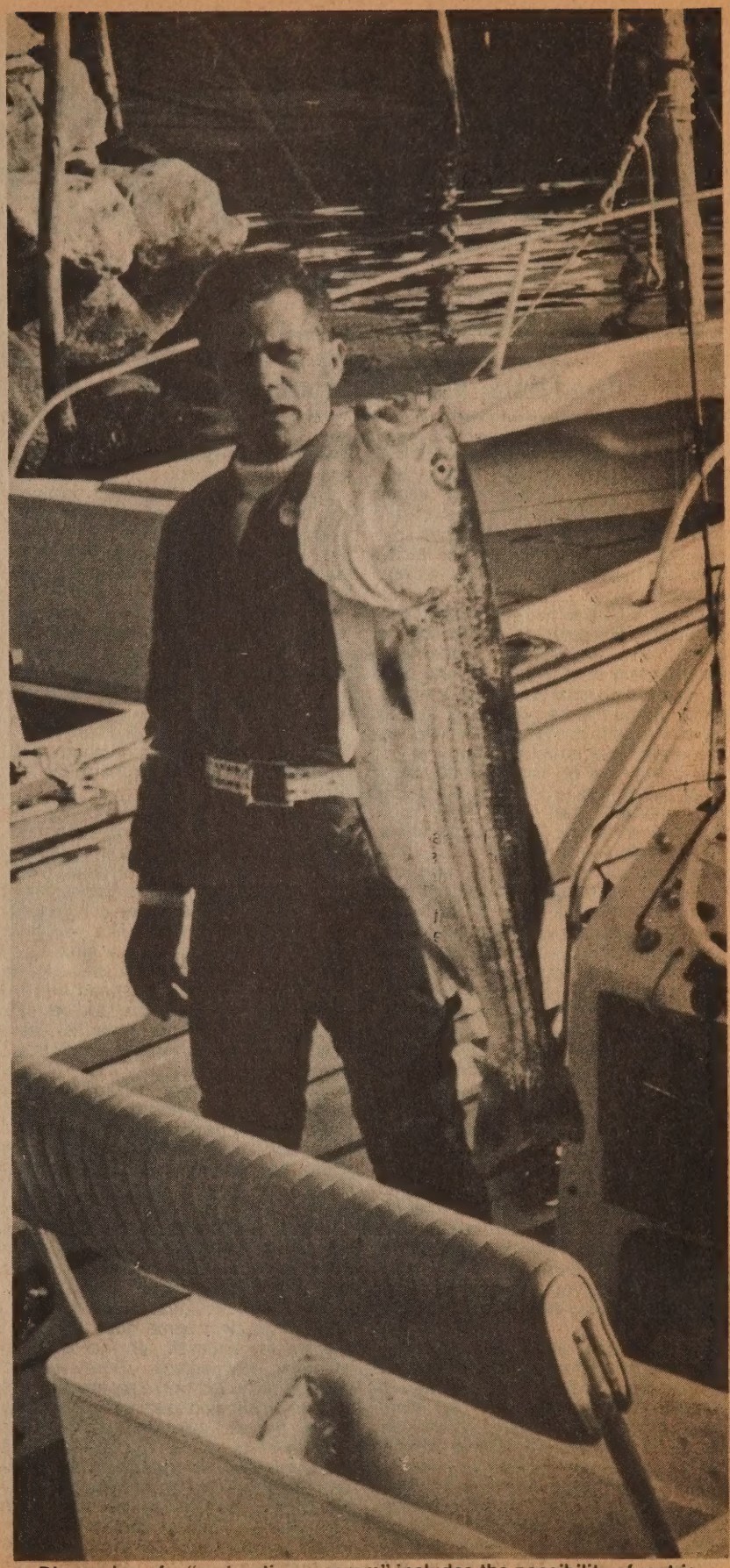
So, unfortunately, Maryland's scheme is politics-as-usual. Even in the face of what everyone agrees is a critical situation for the striper's survival, appeasing the commercial interests remains the biggest thing happening. Besides, if Maryland succeeded in sending the State/Federal management planners back to the drawing board, states like Rhode Island would have a chance to try to dilute the 24 inch regulation to suit their own interests.

"This whole process of revising the plan would, I think, initially work backwards," says Randy Fairbanks, Massachusetts fisheries official and the chairman of the coastal management effort. "Most of the things Maryland is proposing are already **in** the existing plan. The plan clearly says that 'major spawning areas or rivers' should be closed during the spring. Rhode Island wants to be able to harvest the immature fish, which is inconsistent with the goals of the plan. I'd sure hate to open the floodgates again. It's easy to claim the plan is not doing this or that, but unless you were personally involved for five years in getting 12 states to agree on **anything**, you can't have any idea of what it took to get where we are today."

What Fairbanks would like to see is this: Keep the current management strategy in place, but come up with a new companion effort under the heading of "restoration."

"What Maryland is asking for is some additional protection for the existing spawning stock," says Fairbanks. "And that's a sound idea, protecting the fish that have achieved adulthood. A new 'restoration' program, which we might be able to sit down and come up with quickly, would be aimed at getting the reproduction levels up by imposing additional temporary restrictions. Once that happened, the 'restoration' plan would self-destruct, but we'd still have the management plan intact for long-term management."

As Fairbanks points out, getting a state like New York to put through a whole new tougher management plan so soon after a bitter fight over the 24 inch limit would simply be impossible. But a separate restoration effort on the bass seems not only appropriate, but necessary.



Discussion of a "restoration program" includes the possibility of restrictions being imposed to protect large brood fish.

IN THE MOST UNLIKELY PLACES

by Matt Ahern

The fishing game is chock full of surprises and those "non-fishy looking" spots account for a good portion of them.

I know that for many fishermen the season is rapidly coming to a close; therefore what follows may seem more appropriate for springtime than now. Well—maybe; it's all in the way one looks at it, and anyway, it's neither here nor there because fishermen are of one mind.

What follows is a generous helping of thought provokers to use as fuel to carry any interested fisherman through the long winter ahead. We dedicated fishermen must have something going for us once the hectic holiday season is over and done with. It's either that or surely many of us will simply fall by the wayside. And what better way to avoid this than to plan ahead so that when those faint stirrings of spring flounder herald a new season, we'll be ready.

I know you've heard that fish are like gold: they are where you find them. I've found this to be true enough—nothing earthshaking in that. But are you a believer? If you're like most fishermen I know (and I'm no exception), they believe—but they don't practice what they believe.

And here's why.

Every fisherman I know is a creature of habit, myself included. I know that if I'm lucky enough to catch fish in one particular place, I'd have to be some kind of fool to want to try elsewhere. Like you, I'm going to work on that spot as often as I can.

All well and good. But what about those places that appear to have no fishing potential? Those areas that look as if they wouldn't interest a self-respecting killie? Ever try 'em? Me neither—except under those rare conditions when I'm practically forced to.

Like the time several summers ago when Dom Vachone, myself, and two of Dom's buddies from Merrick were aboard Dom's outboard rig. Our destination: Jones Inlet, where we hoped to connect with some willing fluke.

Our hopes were short-lived, however. Just as we were tracking through a maze of backwater creeks a half-mile or so before entering East Bay, the engine began coughing and strangling and went into a coma. And that was that. Each of us took a shot at breathing life back into Dom's pride and joy, but no luck.

Ever have that disgusted feeling? You're certain the fish are but short miles away, and there you are, stuck with your chances of reaching them fast disappearing. That's how it was for us that day.

"You guys fish, and I'll work on this dash-dash," Dom said.

One of the guys gave a snort. "You're kidding! There's no more than four feet of water here—and it's high tide, almost."

"Anybody got a better idea?"

Nobody did, so we fished and caught fluke! Fifteen. Right under the boat.

Many times I wonder how often we fellows ignore good fishing spots just because they don't look "fishy" enough. They must be legion. Dom had been passing over that particular area for years and never considered its potential worthwhile. Nor was this one of those "once in a lifetime" deals. When conditions are right, Dom makes it a point to spend a little time in the area. The other day he told me there was only one time last year when he failed to score. Good boy, Dom!

Ever notice shore fishermen who seem to be doing nothing more than standing around batting the breeze? Well, don't be sure that's all they're doing. Maybe you're not there at the right time. Maybe they're not really wasting their time at all.

There's one particular area on the bay side of Shinnecock Inlet that fits this description; it also draws fishermen like flies. Outside of an occasional fluke or blackfish, plus a flounder or two, some good snapper fishing in summer, and a million bergalls any time, there never seemed to be enough fish around for one to make an effort at something better. But as I say, appearances can be deceiving.

I found that out one foggy morning last March when my son Steve came barreling into the house. "Get the bait! Hurry! They're catching fluke-sized flounder right off the beach by the inlet!"

I happen to know this particular area fairly well as it isn't too far from where we live, but I never gave it much thought as a possible good fishing spot. Because it is close to the inlet proper, the current is strong, except for an hour or two at low and high tide. And I've never been enthusiastic about shore fishing in strong tidal areas. To fish this spot, you've got to plan it right; if you don't all you'll reap for your efforts are copious amounts of seaweed.

But anyway, Steve and I hurried to the inlet. However, we arrived too late to do ourselves much good. We hit the tail-end of the blitz. And from what we saw and heard, blitz it must have been.

The current had already picked up and most of the fishermen had left. According to the few die-hards who remained, everyone had taken at least five or six fish. Now, five or six flounder per man is no big deal, but when I saw the size of the fish lying on the beach and in buckets, all I could say was "Wow!" We needed no coaxing to give it a try, tide or no tide.

We nailed one flounder apiece before conditions became impossible, and my one regret was not being there at the beginning of the action. Both flounder were over two pounds. "Fluke-sized" was no exaggeration; for shore-caught flounder, they were beauties.

I tried it again the next day, and while there were several "monsters" caught, I didn't connect. The following day the large fish were conspicuous by their absence, and that was that.

You can bet that I will no longer make snap judgments about any fishing place just because it doesn't look "fishy" enough.

I know one thing: you don't have to lack angling experience to pass up good fishing spots. I remember the time my fishing buddy Artie Leidecker pulled a good one.

Now, those fishermen who read these articles every week know that Artie is a guy I've been fishing with for over 60 years. He's about the shrewdest bottom fisherman I know and over the years I've written about him often. As far as I'm concerned what Artie does not know about bottom fishing can be put into a

gnat's eye. But this day I want to tell you about, he wasn't up to par. He pulled a near-boner so bad that whenever he gets out of hand, I remind him of it—just to let him know he's a mere mortal, too.

I've got to reach 'way back for this, but here goes.

One early fall day in 1931 we were on our way from Canarsie to the offshore Sea Bright grounds in Artie's uncle's boat which we had borrowed for the occasion. There were just the two of us, two hell-bent-for-leather fishermen who'd heard of some fantastic blackfishing going on off the New Jersey Coast. We were in our mid and late teens and feeling quite feisty when it came to fishing or boat navigating. We were it, kid.

Upon passing and leaving behind the far side of Ambrose Channel, I spotted a large swirl on the surface of the sea. I immediately called it to Artie's attention.

"Yeah," he said. "One of those unmarked wrecks, I think. At least that's what Uncle Pete says. The tide and wind have to be just right before you notice it on the surface. Like now. That's some current down there."

"You think we ought to..."

"Naa. Uncle Pete and I tried it one time. Some job anchoring up. Not worthwhile, anyway. Nothing but bergalls. It's a waste of time."

I had a good feeling about that wreck, though, and I finally succeeded in coaxing him to pull up and get the anchor over. Which anyone who knows Artie will tell you took some coaxing, believe me.

Artie was right. The current, coupled with the south wind we had that day, was vicious. We had quite a time getting into position, and after several re-anchorings, I was beginning to feel sorry I'd mentioned it. Sea Bright began to look extra appealing. It took a lot of maneuvering, plus some choice, heartfelt, well-chosen words to get settled. And when we did, it was necessary to "walk" our bait to the wreck in order to fish it properly. It also took two eight-ounce sinkers to hold bottom and then we barely managed.

We never did get to Sea Bright that day.

I recall we filled three butter tubs with good-sized blackfish, the largest maybe four pounds. When the tide slacked off, the fishing slacked off. Just before quitting time, a few tardy sea porgies and a lone sea bass joined in the fun. If fishing that wreck was a "waste of time," I'd sure like to waste some more.

There are several more similar incidents I can recall, but enough is enough. You know what I'm trying to bring out. Don't be afraid to give those unlikely-looking places a try. What have you to lose? A little time, maybe; but what if it pays off?

So when next spring rolls around, remember that fish are like gold: they're where you find them. And you might just find them in the most unlikely places.

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COD: WINTER KING OR WINTER BALLYHOO

by Martin & Janet Garrell

While not as accomodating as their brethren to the north, Long Island's winter cod fishery has much to offer the properly equipped angler.

The fish coming up to the surface wasn't a large one, perhaps five pounds, and Jim Reynolds, the mate on the Captain Joseph II, seemed almost nonchalant as he struck the gaff. But, under multiple layers of clothing and huge gloves, the angler was elated. The angler was the author and the fish was a jinx-breaker—our very first Long Island cod in four trips from various ports.

Never has one species been quite so baffling for us. Sure, it's generally accepted that big game species, billfish particularly, are few and far between. Between strikes, fly fishing for the anadromous salmonids is a tedious game for novices and experts alike. But cod? All that ballyhoo about a fish that feeds on just about everything and has the appetite of a trencherman? All that mystique and hokum about a fish that gets caught with monotonous regularity north of Massachusetts and off Scandinavian coastlines?

Paradoxically the cod of Long Island, those fish which make up the southernmost group from the New England fishery, seem to be different. They're a fussier, pickier lot than their counterparts to the north or over on the eastern side of the Atlantic. Maybe it has to do with the less competitive nature of fish when schools are small; our schools have been small for a decade or more, even though the 200 mile limit may have been responsible for an upturn in the number of gadids in the last two years.

It took many trips plus coaching from railbirds before we finally acknowledged these differences and came out of our own personal codfish slump. Last season, advice from a Captree regular, Carmine Tringale, was a big factor. We fished with Tringale and 10 other hardies out of Captree one day last winter. The forecast was ideal: light variable winds, sunshine, and temperatures in the mid-40s. Undeterred by a drizzle that began when we left our driveway 55 miles distant, we watched the drizzle turn into a steady, cold, winter rain. When we arrived dockside, the wind had shifted into the northeast, a bad omen. Sure enough, by the time the Captain Joseph II reached the grounds nine miles offshore, a Force 8 gale was in progress, and winds were pushing 35 knots. Catching any bottom dwellers in six foot seas with a storm surge on the bottom is a nearly impossible task; yet here were a bunch of regulars trying to do just that!

Jan took this school size cod on relatively light tackle at Montauk.

Concentration is the name of their game. Up goes the rod when the boat dives into a trough, and a turn or two of the reel handles may be called for. Down with the stick and feed line when the hull rises. Now just try to get the feel of this with massive "Fireball" gloves! Because deck noise is so disturbing to cod, the pendulum cast with eight to twelve ounces of lead plus four ounces of clams becomes rather important. Lob that mess 20 feet from the boat and you'll improve your score somewhat; lob it 20 yards and you might wind up with a pool winner, if you don't lose all your gear on snaggy bottom as the sinker walks back toward the boat.

Choice of rig and bait is absolutely critical on days when fishing is difficult. It's nerve wracking to watch regulars next to you picking up fish with consistency while you struggle to hang onto the rail and wait in vain for your first tap, but, when you see them rigging a high hook dropper at armpit height with the sinker on the boat's deck, you'd better get rid of your three foot high-hook in a hurry! In a big surge with cloudy water, the need for a large bait, maybe two full skimmers, strung onto a well-sharpened 5/0 hook, isn't so surprising either. If you want to catch fish out of Captree, try a "Fire Island clamball" like the regulars do!

Finally, several hours into the trip, with everything rerigged and rebaited and with a fresh bite of crackers in our empty, queasy stomachs, we feel the peck of our first customer. Amazing! Peconic flounder emerging from the mud in mid-March are more aggressive than these cod, but come to think of it, how long would you take to get a quarter pound of skimmer clam into your mouth? Five seconds, maybe 10, then all slack is taken up as you cross the eyes of the fish and set the hook. Some 90 to 120 feet of mono has a lot of stretch, so you set with a lot of sweep!

Codfishing, even on Long Island,

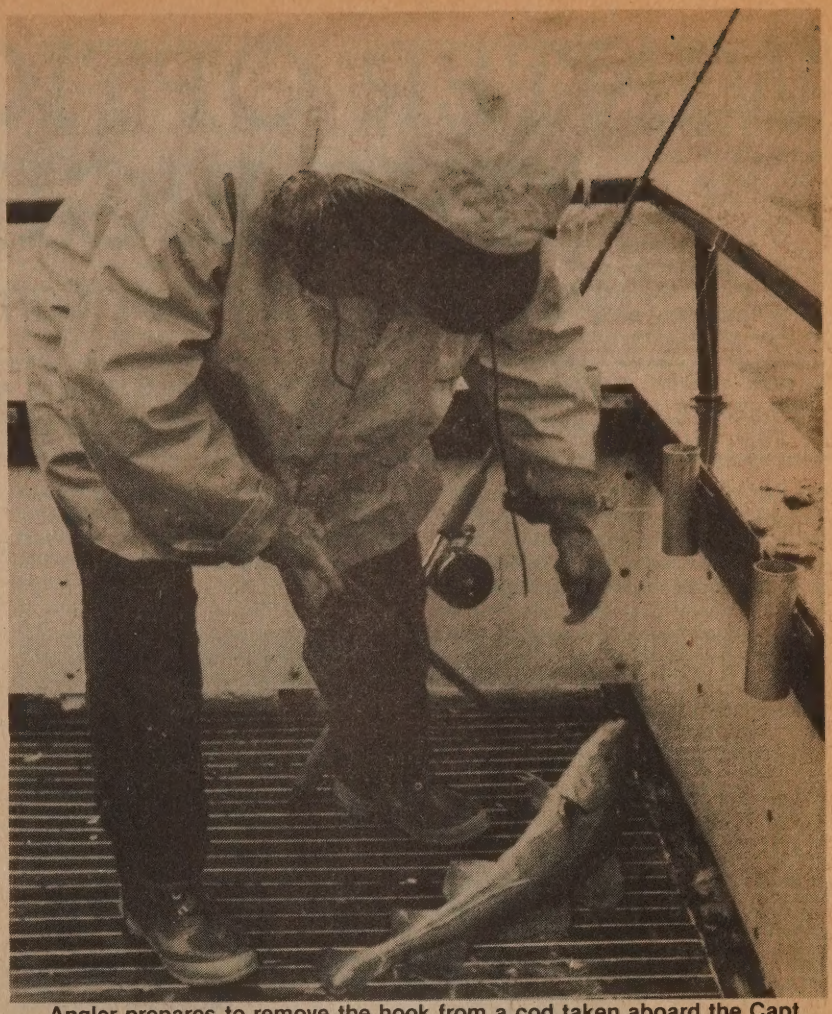
isn't always quite so tough. We refined our clamdunking considerably on a trip later in the season with Bud Dorman's Waxed out of Montauk, where another "pro" shed even more light on the subject. This time it was John Stonisch, the so-called "Montauk Mule," who earned his nickname some years ago by hauling one-half ton of pollock aboard Dorman's old Viking Skipper in two trips. Although Stonisch liked diamond jigs for spring cod, he still had a deadly touch with clam baits, and his feel for gentle bites was enhanced by an old sidewinder reel. No need to engage and disengage the clutch; you just cranked forward and back. For added "feel," line can be held in the fingertips of bare hands on warm days. A soaker of a cod that makes a run or two requires nimble fingers and an educated thumb, but Stonisch made a 25 pounder look like child's play that day.

Fishing out of Montauk, we learned that those fish seemed to prefer smaller baits, half-clams cut in strips that included some belly. Again a high hook was truly high, perhaps 3½ feet, to keep the bait in the cruising zone above the Block Island kelp beds.

As far as choice of tackle for Long Island cod is concerned it would appear that **any** outfit that handles 6 to 12 ounces of lead in depths to 140 feet is perfectly okay. For best line "feel," if you don't have a sidewinder, any old direct drive reel will do just fine as the next choice, with a modern star drag conventional reel as a third choice among pros. Spinning reels are a "no-no" for this deep water work.

On the current rod market, plenty of light, fast taper glass and glass-graphite jobs are available. These should have enough backbone to do the job with lines in the 15 to 20 pound class, so no angler is forced to fish with broomsticks unless he or she really wants to. Besides, the typical 4 to 20 pound cod is so much more fun on medium tackle; should a heavyweight be encountered over the open bottom that we fish once the fish move off of the wrecks there's nothing wrong with playing that fish for a little while from a spot on the rail. On most mid-winter days, there is room enough. Plenty of 40s and 50s have been taken on relatively light gear, and the all-tackle rod-and-reel record, a 98 lb. 12 oz. cow, fell into the IGFA 20 lb. line class. Old **Gadus** is no tuna!

If you want to lighten up and waters are deep, you might consider dacron line finished with a blood- or Uni-knotted length (perhaps 20 feet) of light mono at the bitter end. This mono, the same breaking strength as the dacron, is then connected to a few feet of 30 or 40 pound test Ande before the high hook-cod rig is attached. Thus line twist on the main strand is kept to a minimum. Otherwise, there's nothing so pathetic as a clam bait twisted 36 times around the main line that goes undetected until you bring it to the surface. And you wondered why you weren't getting any action?



Angler prepares to remove the hook from a cod taken aboard the Capt. Joseph II.

No article about codfishing mystique would be complete without some discussion of clothing and seasickness. With the ocean temperature usually around 40 and the air between 25 and 45 on most trips, body heat is hard to maintain even when breezes are light. Fortunately today's thermal underwear and foul weather gear are lighter and more easily maintained than the long johns and oilskins of yesteryear. Serious codfishermen invest in a set of Helly Hansens and perhaps Damart Thermolactyl underwear or their equivalents sooner or later. Rubber boots are a matter of choice, but if you have a pair that fits loosely without laces or insulation, a couple pairs of socks or a thick pair of woolen socks should be worn underneath them. Clothing under the foul weather gear comes in layers. Atop the thermals, wear a turtleneck shirt and jeans, though corduroys are even better, then a heavy wood shirt followed by a cable knit sweater and perhaps a sweatshirt as well. We like scarves, rubber gloves like Fireballs if the boat lacks heated rails, and watch caps.

True, the caps may pinch your head and possibly increase the tendency toward seasickness, but you've got to find a way to keep your head warm.

Speaking of seasickness, we were most impressed last spring on that Montauk trip when two of the more experienced cod anglers in the group, Kevin Vunck and Bryan Carbonara, wore Scopamine patches under their ears. They fished all day long and were perfectly comfortable despite the heave; then they drove home afterwards. Apparently the drowsiness that had to be accepted by Dramamine and Bonamine users is no longer a necessary evil. Having poor sea legs ourselves, we'll be trying patches this winter.

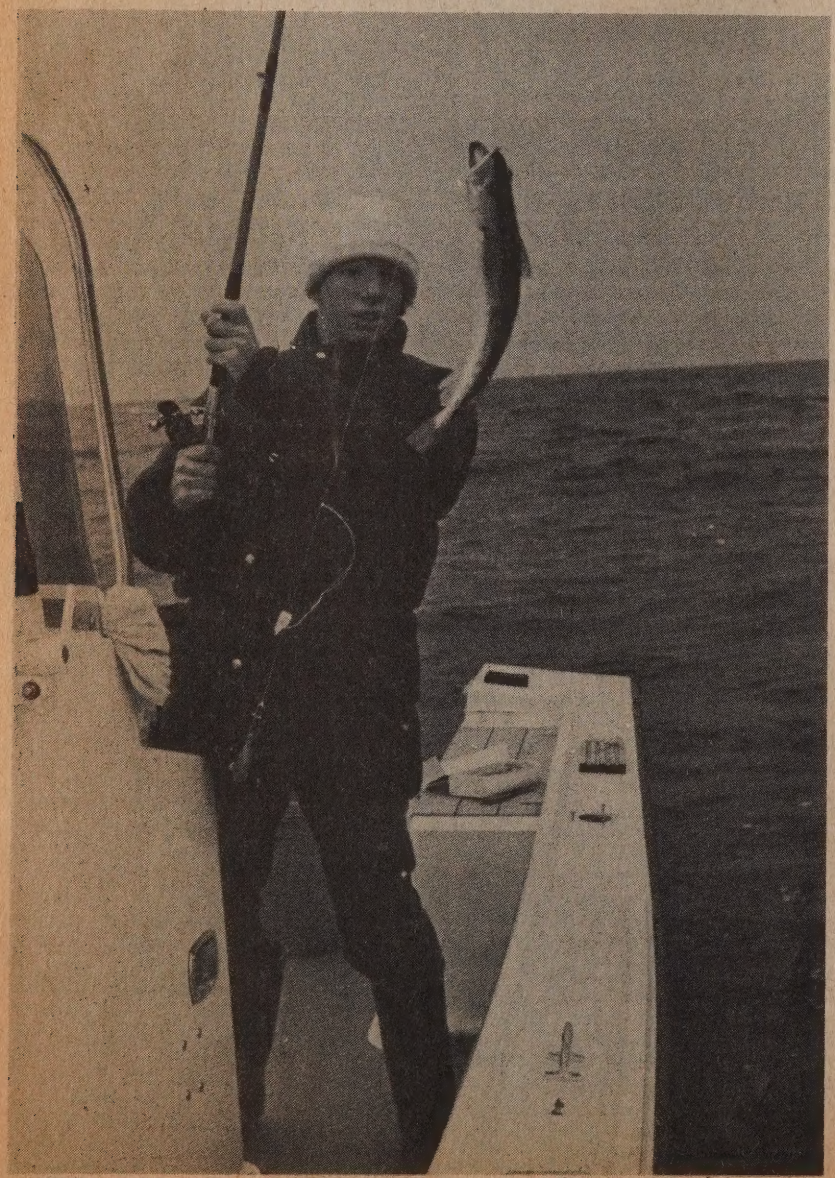
Codfishing is, after all, a logical game, and anyone with proper tackle and clothing and a willingness to ask questions of the regulars can play it. It's only a matter of touch, bottom fishing experience, and common sense. So, now that cod stocks are on the upswing once more, just bundle up, head for the docks this winter on what you figure is a favorable day, and enjoy catching old whiskers. Put the ballyhoo away and put some steaks and fillets in the freezer instead!

WINTER OPTIONS IN "THE BIGHT"

Part One—by Sal Terranova

Whiting, ling, tommy cod, herring and an increasing number of cod await the winter angler in New York Bight.

For Metropolitan Area anglers who venture out on the icy Atlantic during the winter months, particularly those who fish from party boats, the menu consists mainly of whiting and ling, with cod, herring, and perhaps even mackerel a possibility. For the shoreside angler, herring, tommy cod and occasionally ling and whiting, are the targets.



While most anglers turn to open boats for whiting and ling, private boatmen get in on their share of the action as well.

The mainstays of the party boat fleet during winter are, without a doubt, whiting and ling. Mackerel are pretty much a surprise item, while cod, though definitely **not** abundant in the Bight, are **not** to be discounted entirely. Hopefully, fishing for baccala will eventually improve hereabouts as the effects of the 200 mile limit bear fruit, and there are indications that this fishery is improving. Herring are pretty much a bonus catch this time of year, caught accidentally along with whiting and ling.

Let's take a quick look at the tackle and techniques you should use, and I say quick because these subjects have been covered sufficiently in this magazine in the recent past. A standard six foot boat rod hefty enough to handle eight to twelve ounce sinkers, coupled with a conventional star drag reel capable of holding 200 yards of 20 to 30 pound test monofilament, is the weapon of choice. Typical reels suited for ling and whiting fishing include the Penn Long Beach 60, Penn Squidder, and Garcia 622. Since ling and whiting average between one and three pounds, one may question the need for such apparently heavy tackle. The tackle must be on the heavy side in order to handle the deep waters, strong tides, and sometimes rough weather conditions that unfortunately are at times encountered in ling and whiting fishing. In the latter part of the season, for example, the fish are found in waters such as the Mud Hole, where depths may exceed 100 feet, and you may have to resort to 10 or 12 ounce sinkers when wind and currents are strong. Also, this type of outfit will enable you to safely handle any cod that comes your way. I would strongly recommend that you leave your spinning gear home, as it is not designed to haul 10 ounce sinkers up from 100 feet. It is also difficult to detect bites and set the hook with the soft tip of a spinning rod. About the only time you may get away with using spin tackle or a light conventional rig is in the early part of the season, December and early January, when the fish are still in the relatively shallow 40 to 50 foot depths of inshore grounds, like the Scotland Light area, and even then, I would always bring

along the heavier outfit described above.

Terminal tackle for ling and whiting consists of two 2/0 to 4/0 Carlisle hooks snelled on a foot-long leader, with a sinker (obviously) attached to the end of your line. The hooks are affixed to your line by means of a dropper loop or a three-way swivel, either tied together in tandem about 18 inches above the sinker, or with a hook 18 inches above the sinker and the other hook 18 inches above the first hook. I prefer the latter of the two rigs, as whiting tend to swim a little higher off the bottom than the bottom-hugging ling; this arrangment will cover all possibilities. Some anglers will even rig three or four hooks on their line, at 18 inch intervals. While this variation will no doubt account for double and triple headers when the fish are really thick, the tangles are not to be believed; thus I shy away from it. Another variation is to substitute a codfish hook for the high hook if the baccala are present in sufficient number to warrant this. Bait this hook with skimmer clam. Do not neglect to bring along a diamond jig and mackerel tubes, not only for the possibility of Bostons, but also for whiting. Even though you probably won't catch any mackerel, at least not inshore, you never know. Fish the jig with the tubes for Bostons and use just the jig by bouncing it off the bottom for whiting.

It is a common practice for whiting fishermen to fillet the first whiting they catch and use it for bait. Cut the fillet into thin five inch strips. Whiting, little cannibals that they are, simply love to dine upon the flesh of their recently departed brethren. Fresh whiting strips are also extremely durable on the hook. However, if the first whiting you happen to catch appears to be a good sized specimen, **do not** make the mistake of filleting a potential pool winning fish for bait, as someone who shall remain nameless once did.

Depending on the weather, the whiting and ling run may start as early as mid-November or as late as mid-December. The sooner it gets cold, the sooner the run, and the later it gets cold, the later the run. As the waters cool (around Thanksgiving usually!), the whiting and ling move inshore and will be found in such areas as Scotland Light in 40 to 50 feet of water or so. The first arrivals will tend to be on the smallish side, but as the run builds, the bigger fish will make their appearance. The inshore run will usually last through Christmas and into January. This is the optimum time to fish for whiting and ling, for not only are they plentiful, but the shallow depths in which they are found allow the angler the opportunity to use lighter tackle and terminal gear, thus getting the most scrap out of our not-too "Dynamic Duo."

As winter really takes hold with January's onslaught of polar temperatures and biting winds, the fish move off into warmer and deeper water as the inshore water becomes too frigid, even for their tastes. This offshore movement generally occurs about mid-January, and the fish take up residence in the 100 foot depths of such areas as the Mud Hole and 17 Fathoms. These locales are troublesome to fish because of the depths involved and the attendant strong currents. These conditions can become further complicated if the weather is rough. Heavy sinkers are required, and it can become quite a chore to detect bites; in fact, you sometimes may not realize that you have a smallish fish on.

Towards the latter part of February, whiting and ling once again move somewhat inshore as winter begins to release its icy grip upon our fair land. March and April are witness to some of the best ling and whiting fishing, with "baseball bat" whiting of three, four and even five pounds not unusual. Unfortunately, this fishing is oftentimes neglected as everyone's thoughts turn toward flounder and the impending arrival of mackerel in late April. Whiting will pretty much be gone from the Bight by early May, leaving for the cool offshore depths where they spend the summer. Ling may linger on the blackfish wrecks till early June, when they, too, depart for offshore.

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THE OFFSHORE TUNAS:

IS THE BLOOM OFF THE ROSE?

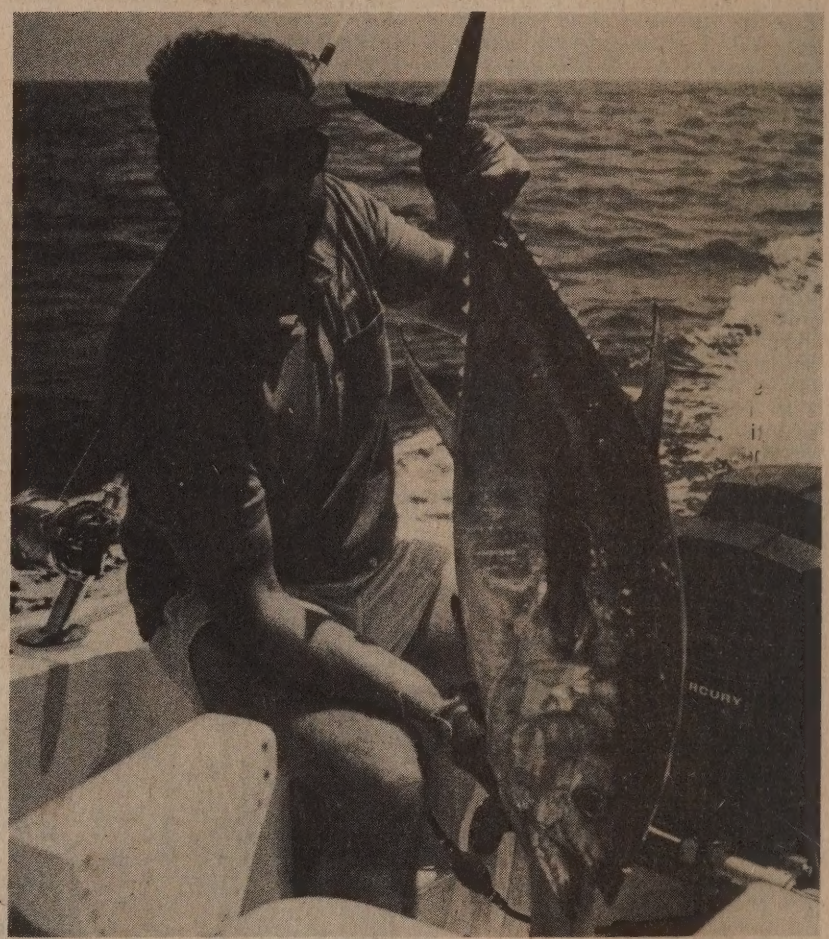
by Al Ristori

Most of the tuna management talk in recent years has concerned the bluefin but an extensive canyon fishery threatens to exploit other tunas.

The canyon fishery that showed unlimited promise just a few years ago is now facing the reality of intense exploitation, and prospects for the future are uncertain unless we learn a lot more about the species involved and are prepared to manage them on a rational basis. Unfortunately, very little is being done to improve our understanding of the biological forces involved—and it may take a collapse of the fishery before anyone gets concerned enough to do anything about it.

Not surprisingly, it's one of the very attractions of canyon fishing that threatens to put it on the skids. The price paid for bigeye tuna by Japanese buyers is comparable to that for giant tuna and it's brought a new element into the fishery: the domestic longliners. As I predicted some time ago, when the Japanese longliners were forced out, American longliners moved in to replace them. This has been happening gradually but became particularly evident this fall when longliners landed so much tuna that they literally broke the market for school bluefin. Rumor has it that some of the large schoolies landed by private and charter craft at Montauk couldn't even be sold. According to one commercial source, longliners were making more money catching tuna than they were with their prime target: swordfish.

For many years the Japanese have had an extensive longline fishery for tunas off our coast, but it's been virtually eliminated by various restrictions in the Billfish and Shark Management Plan. From January 8 to September 30 the Foreign Fisheries Observer Program reported only one Japanese longliner fishing in January, three in both July and August and two in September. They put in a total of 180 vessel days and accounted for 4508 bigeye totaling 126 metric tons, 2373 yellowfin weighing a total of 59.57 tons, and 295 albacore which came to 5.56 tons. The January fishing was primarily to the south, but the summer effort was from Maryland to Long Island. An interesting aspect of their longlining results was the heavy catch of bigeyes in September, though their average size was much smaller than those caught in July. On the other hand, the yellowfin catch in September was half that of August—but the fish averaged over twice the size!



Exploitation of the canyon fishery threatens to temper the hot action which has characterized the fishing.

Since the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) has jurisdiction over all tunas, the subject of our canyon fisheries came up at the recent ICCAT Advisors meeting in Washington. Detailed reports were submitted relating to bigeyes, yellowfin and albacore; but there is practically no information about what is now going on off our coast. The prime Atlantic fisheries for all of these species are on the other side of the ocean, and practically no attention has been paid to the western area.

The total Atlantic catch in 1982 of bigeyes, yellowfins, albacore and skipjack came to about 411,000 metric tons—up approximately 11 percent over 1981. All species were up except for bigeyes, which decreased by 15 percent. The U.S. portion of this catch was almost insignificant, some 1,300 metric tons—down 83 percent from 1981. That was primarily due to reduced fishing effort by U.S. vessels in the eastern Atlantic tuna fishery.

The bigeye represents the smallest volume of all these tunas. Only 23,000 metric tons of bigeyes were taken from the northern hemisphere, 79

percent by longliners. Japan accounted for 45 percent of the bigeyes, followed by Korea with 20 percent, Portugal with 14 percent (there is a large live bait fishery off Madeira) and the French along with their former colonies (Ivory Coast, Senegal, and Morocco) at 12 percent. The U.S. portion of the catch was a mere 0.8%. The scientific evaluation of the stock is that it is nearly fully exploited, but my quesitoning brought out the fact that there is really very little to go on except catch records.

The sad fact of the matter is that there has been very little research done on the bigeye. Those bigeyes found on both sides of the Atlantic in the northern hemisphere are considered to be one stock, though that appears to be nothing more than speculation. However, there is a good chance that there is a transatlantic movement from east to west. When, for instance, have you ever seen a small bigeye? Few of those caught on rod and reel in the canyons run below 100 pounds.

New England fish dealer Jerry Abrams did mention that he's now getting some 30 to 40 pound bigeyes from longliners, indicating that the smaller fish may stay further out in the canyons or are even more reluctant to come to the surface. That still leaves the question about baby bigeyes unanswered, and the NMFS scientists simply had no idea about whether there is any spawning on our side or if it's really all one stock. We do know that baby bigeyes are common off Northwest Africa and are frequently mixed in with small yellowfins taken by purse seiners.

I emphasized the importance of the canyon fishery and made note of the recent sharp increase in domestic longlining directed specifically toward bigeyes. Jerry Abrams confirmed that longliner landings of the offshore tunas are increasingly rapidly and backed up my assertion that there would be a dramatic increase in the U.S. catch when 1983 statistics become available. Yet, there still didn't seem to be any great interest on the part of the U.S. delegation or NMFS to push ICCAT into directing more scientific effort into this area.

The yellowfin situation is quite similar. Of the 143,300 metric tons caught in the Atlantic during 1982, some 125,900 tons came from the east. That left only 17,400 from the west, and 84 percent of that was taken by Venezuela, with just 0.3% by the U.S. Once again, there is no real knowledge of stocks in this fishery. Under questioning, the NMFS scientists seemed to think that the Venezuelans are fishing on the same East Coast stock that we are working on. We'd certainly like to get some answers because the yellowfin fishing from New Jersey north the last two years has not been very good. The catch dropped sharply in 1982, but that was blamed on freak cold water conditions. The 1983 season witnessed exceptionally warm water conditions inside of the canyons, but the yellowfin remained spotty—though there was very good fishing for them off the Carolina coast each of the last two years.

There are so many variables with oceanic species that it's hard to ascribe any one reason to a shortage of fish in a particular area. That's especially the case when there is virtually no biological information available. Even with rod and reel landings way down, the total catch may be up due to the sharply increased efforts of the domestic longliners. Without catch and effort data, it will be impossible to determine just where our yellowfin stocks are going or how to deal with them.

Albacore are treated as stepchildren in the canyon fishery since the concentration on bigeyes resulted in almost universal use of 80 pound tackle. Nevertheless, they sometimes provide the only action of the day—and are the cream of the crop out there in the pan. Just as with the yellowfin, the albacore fishing seems to have dropped off a bit during the last two seasons—though they did move in quite close to shore off eastern Long Island late this summer. Most of the commercial catch comes from the eastern Atlantic, with Spain taking 65 percent of the 54,000 metric tons from the northern hemisphere in 1982. There are large surface fisheries off Spain and France, with longlining taking them just about everywhere else. This stock is considered to be moderately exploited, but there is no certainty the eastern and western albacore are really one stock.

Skipjacks are of no interest to canyon fishermen, though they do save a lot of days when the school tuna don't cooperate further inshore. The East Coast stocks in our area aren't considered to have great potential, though five East Coast purse seiners took 646 metric tons in 1982 and sometimes do much better. NMFS feels there is greater commercial potential in the Caribbean and Gulf.

Making predictions about oceanic fish is an extremely risky business, especially when there is so little information available. However, the relatively spotty nature of canyon tuna fishing the last two years and the sharp increase in domestic longlining directed at the offshore tunas indicates that there may be a present or future problem. Anglers who have come to enjoy this difficult, but often very rewarding fishery, should push NMFS for research (the states of New Jersey and New York are conducting surveys of the sport catch) that will lead to realistic management procedures—if such prove necessary. Consider what happened to the night swordfishing in the canyons after the domestic longlining increased—and let's make sure that the tunas don't meet the same fate!

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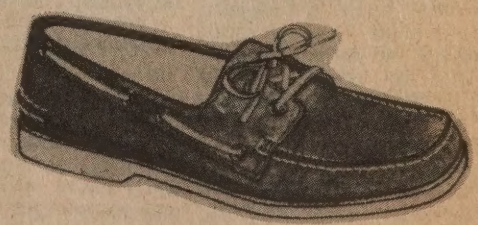

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WADER CARE AND STORAGE

by Andy Regina

A little care and attention to this vital piece of surf garb now, will help make next season a dry one.

Well, believe it or not and whether we like it or not, another fishing season has all but gone down the drain, and it is time to start thinking about performing winter maintenance on our fishing equipment one more time. Don't put it off or it will never get done. It's happened many times to a lot of us, but today's high prices demand we set this precedent over a few measly shows on the aptly named boob-tube. Consider it a labor of love and save some of your hard-earned money as well as some of whatever sanity you have left, and get that maintenance done as soon as possible.

We poor beach rats even take a beating in the off-season! Whereas our ocean-going brethren can go out throughout the entire winter, weather permitting, and break the bleak monotony with a trip for cod or whiting, if we can't fish the warm water outlet of some power plant somewhere, we're S.O.L. until next spring. This, too, is another good reason for us to get into our maintenance gig, and as long as we're at it, let's start off with the single-most expensive piece of equipment we have, which is, incidentally, the most fragile item as well. Let's get our waders cleaned, repaired, and properly stored for the winter.

Aside from the normal, careful handling while wearing them, waders must be kept clean and in good repair throughout the fishing season as well as over the winter layoff. If they are stored without a good cleaning, sand and grit could start an abrasive action by settling into the material, be it rubber, vinyl, or impregnated canvas. This is true between each and every trip of our season, and especially so over prolonged periods of inactivity, such as that suffered every winter. To keep on top of the problem during the season, it is simply a matter of getting hosed-down with freshwater while still wearing your waders. This will save a lot of time and trouble while it easily removes most of the abrasive particles accumulated on the beach or in the water. Salt is an abrasive also, when it is formed by evaporation as saltwater dries up; so a saltwater shower or bath is not the answer here, and the water **must** be fresh—no if's, and's or but's about it!

By the same token, washing off in plain, fresh water is not the complete answer either. While this process does remove most of the grit, it does not get it all off completely, and there are other damaging elements involved besides grit and grime that plain, cold water never removes at all. I speak now of any and all petroleum-based products like gas, oil or grease, that are extremely incompatible to rubber and plastic products, that are, unfortunately, the material almost all of our waders are made of. Even canvas suits have rubber or plastic in their construction, either in the waterproofing material impregnated into the canvas or in the bonding material used to weld the seams or strenthen high stress areas, like the knees, crotch and button vicinities. Still, hosing down on or near the beach is an excellent start, and I always try to get a good hosing before I come home because it's not always possible to get this service from your loving lady. I used to make it a point to stop at one particular service station about five minutes from one of my pet north shore beaches, and get the job done while I was getting the gas tank filled, but not everyone is as accommodating as that friendly station owner. At any rate, the point I'm trying to make is for you to realize the urgency of getting this done as soon as possible because you know what happens once you flop on the couch.

Waders need to be maintained and cared for during the season, but should not be forgotten after that last fish is beached.

Wader maintenance is more difficult to explain than to actually perform, due to the many varieties available to us and the different methods needed to clean each of the various types. (See Doc Muller's fine article, "Some Thoughts on Waders"

in the April 21, 1983 issue of The Fisherman.) As you can gather from this excellent information, many of our wader problems can be minimized, if not completely eliminated, upon purchase, simply by thoroughly inspecting them. Ranging in price from about $40 up to maybe $350 or $400 (for tailor-made, custom fitted waders with all the "extras"), we owe it to ourselves to be thoroughly critical at this point, but you must read Doc's article to really know what to look for and where to look for it, as any mention by me at this time would be senseless repetition.

Rubber waders demand critical attention. They must first be rinsed off with freshwater, then washed down with a tepid, gentle detergent solution, using a mild liquid detergent and lukewarm fresh water. Use a sponge or some soft cheesecloth and wash your waders as gently as a mother would bathe a baby, then rinse off completely with lukewarm water, making sure to remove every last vestige of detergent as well as any oil or grease that may have been there. Gentle strokes will prevent particles of grit from embedding themselves into the material; the soapy solution will loosen everything up and that final freshwater flush will carry all impurities away. The inside of suit and boots can be wiped out with a damp cloth, dusted with a trace of talcum powder to remove the dampness and, finally, inspected for damage before we store 'em away. The easiest way to inspect for damage is to shine a light on the inside and look for any pinpoints of light that may shine through. Holes can be easily fixed with a patch kit, readily obtainable at most bicycle shops or auto parts stores. This invaluable tool comes in a self-contained kit that includes some patches and glue in a cannister that features a removable top with a grater-like portion that is used to rough-up the surface of the rubber around the area of the hole, which permits better purchase of the glue to the material. Once you roughen the area, apply some glue, light it and slap a patch on it immediately, making sure you do not set fire to your house or make knee boots out of your waders. So, slap that patch on as fast as you can, blow the flames out right away (before they do any damage, or you get arrested for attempted arson) and put a heavy item over the whole hot spot, pressing the patch tightly to the material as the glue sets. Hopefully, you had enough sense to set those waders down on a hard, level surface before you patched them, showing more sense than your author, who neglected to mention that fact in the first place.

After about 15 minutes or so, after the glue has dried, set, and cooled off, it will not hurt to once again sponge off the entire area with fresh lukewarm water, once more drying it completely before hanging the waders up by the boots in a cool, dark place for the winter. The storage area should not be too warm or receive any sunlight, as the rubber is adversely affected by heat as well as by cold. Exposure to sunlight in an enclosed area can get pretty hot at times, as witness the family cat dozing in the window all winter, absorbing the sun's heat. A new set of felt insoles can be inserted before storing the waders, to ensure comfort on your early trips next spring. I suggest Odor-Eaters if your wife and kids run out of the room and your dog keels over every time you remove your shoes.

During the Second World War, about the mid-40s, we put Navy foul weather suits to good use on the beach as an acceptable substitute for waders we did not know about at that time. After donning boots, we'd slip into the pants of that gear, right over the boots, and tie them down tightly at the ankles with drawstrings built into the bottom of the pants leg. The tops were bib-type affairs that we buttoned to suspenders constructed into the pants. One-piece, hooded tops came down over the pants to about mid-thigh height, and we then tightened the drawstring found in the hem along the bottom of the parka, plus the ties in both cuffs. After affixing our necklight, we laced up and tied down the throat opening, giving us a fairly waterproof arrangement overall, due to the shingle effect of this procedure. Water could not get into the openings at the bottom of the legs and arms, or into the neck, due to the tight laces, and any water running down, as it naturally does, would run off onto the next lower garment till it reached the boots and then, finally, the ground. While this was great in rainy weather and most of the surf conditions we encountered, at times some heavy stuff got pushed under the laces from the bottom up, and we'd manage to get wet anyhow. Taping down the openings at ankles and wrists, right over the laces, did improve things quite a bit, but was a nuisance to do, especially once we were completely into our foul weather suit and laced shut. It got pretty hot, moving around in that condition because the air circulation was cut off, both from the outside-in as well as the inside-out. It was great for losing weight, but lousy for fishing! The best thing that happened for us beach rats was the invention of the bib-type wader.

Our original waders were constructed of rubber or impregnated canvas, the two existing waterproof materials already in use for our hip boots and foul weather suits. The maintenance for rubber waders is the same as that already given, but canvas can be repaired with either hot or cold patches, and a cold patch affixed firmly in place with pliobond glue is as acceptable and as enduring as any hot patch, if the patched area is clamped firmly between two flat boards immediately upon application of the patch and left to dry for at least

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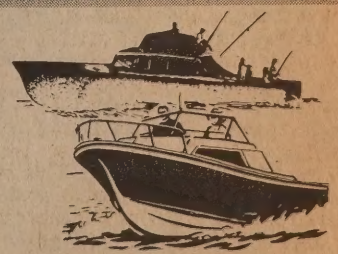

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24 hours. Like rubber, the canvas waders can be cleaned with lukewarm water to remove the grit, then washed with a warm, mild detergent solution before being rinsed off and hung upside down by the boots to dry. All waders should be stored away from extreme heat or cold and out of direct sunlight, and should be hung high enough so that the bib does not touch the floor. Wadded newspapers crammed into the toe-box of the boots will help retain their shape, and a light dusting with talcum powder will not only make 'em dry and keep 'em smelling pretty for a little while at least, but help prevent mildew as well.

The advent of the plastics age brought us plastic and vinyl waders, both extremely lightweight and waterproof, and both more within the reach of more fishermen economically, at least at the initial trauma of the purchase. Like everything else, you get what you pay for and in this world nobody rides for free. If you save money at the outset, but the waders don't hold up long or wear well and you must continually repair or replace them, your "bargain" ends up costing you more than a better brand might have in the long run. If the price is dictated by the quality and/or the gauge of the material, perhaps a few more bucks spent at the beginning will save you more money in the final outcome. That's for you to decide, and again I strongly suggest that you read that article that Doc wrote.

Maintenance for plastic and vinyl is easy, basically the same as for rubber and canvas, except for the repairs. Here we use a vinyl repair kit, included with the purchase of Gra-Lite waders and also available at most of the better tackle shops. Burke Lures also has a similar kit, available through the same outlets or directly from Burke themselves, or you can generally pick up a similar kit from stores that sell swimming pools or related equipment. Ideal for emergency repairs on the beach, the cement is very much like ferrule cement; it comes in a hardened state, in a stick resembling ferrule cement, and must be melted with direct heat—once again, like our good, old ferrule cement. You gotta spread the melted stuff around with a little stick quick like a bunny, before it hardens and sets, but once it sets it holds up well. Now you know what direct contact with a flame does to plastic or vinyl, don't you? Well, just make sure that lit match and damaged wader do not make contact, or you won't have to worry about repairing them any longer!

So, whatever material you decide on (rubber, canvas or vinyl) and whichever style you choose, stocking foot or boot, just remember to take good care of your waders and they'll take good care of you. And you couldn't do any better than to start working on them right now, as you do your winter maintenance.

DECEMBER ROUNDUP

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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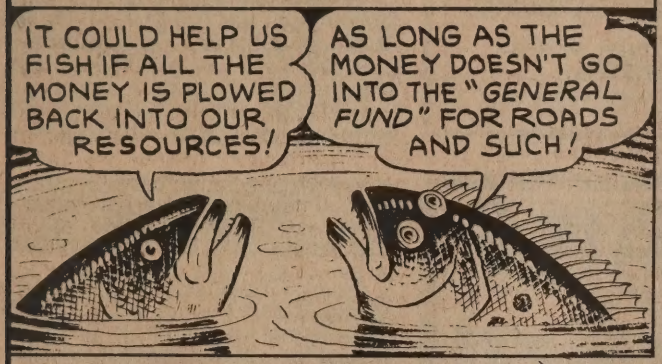
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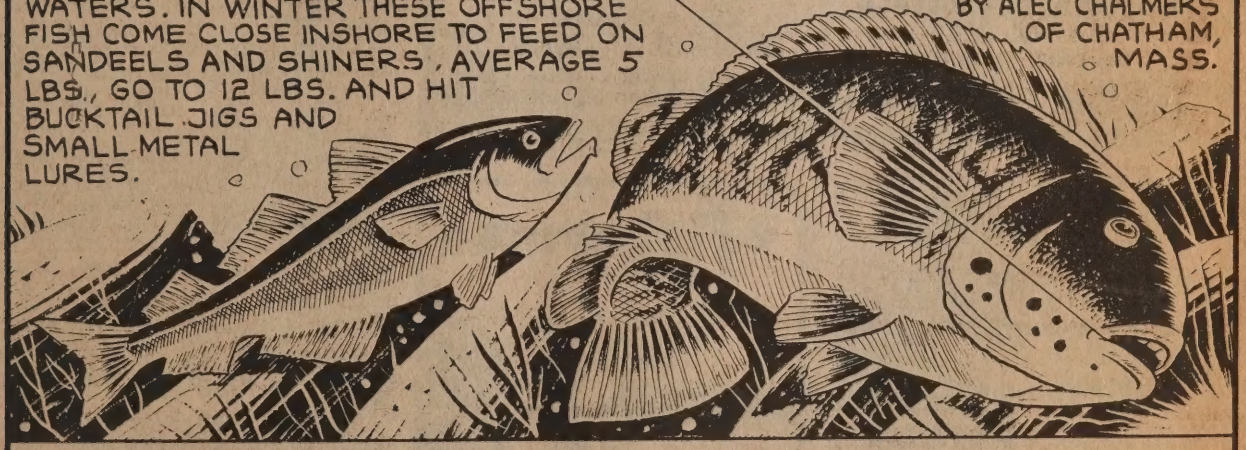

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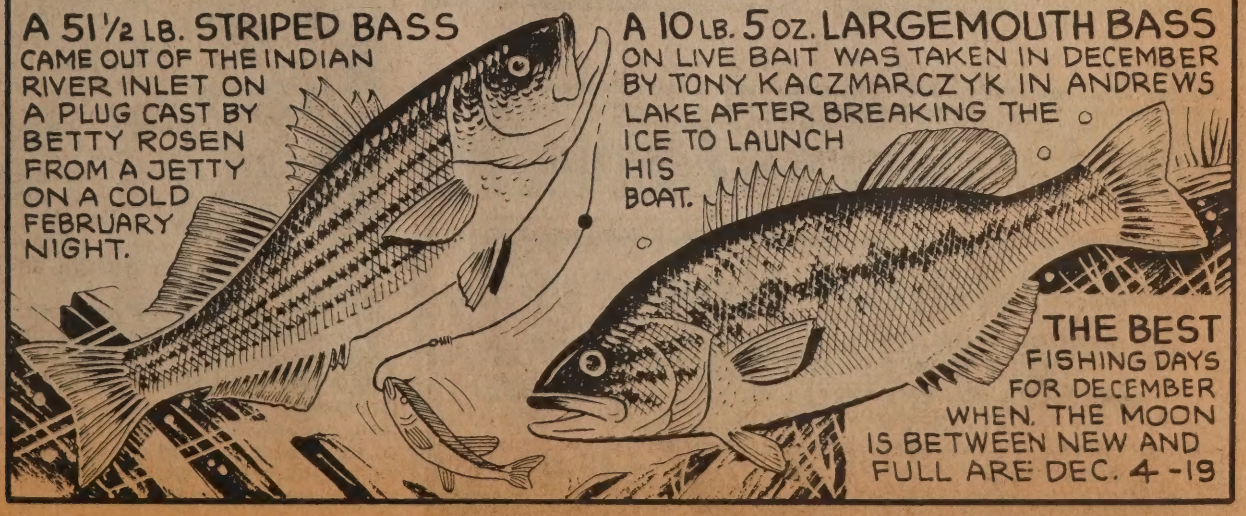

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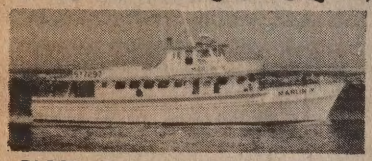

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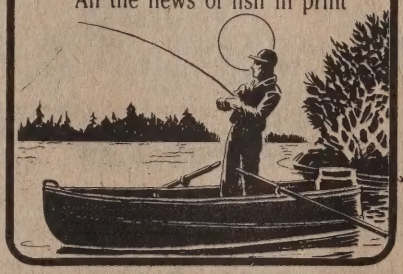

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East End REPORT

with Stu Miller

The main word is a slow and steady building of the cod action at the Island's eastern tip. Poor weather this past week did not give many boats chances required to scout around and try different areas, but those that were able to get out connected.

MONTAUK

From Captain Paul Forsberg's **Viking Fleet** says that while the few days he was able to get in this week around the weather, catches were fair and that once some decent and calm weather sets in the cod catches should improve greatly. The boat has been working the Block Island grounds and a few sea bass and blackfish have been mixed in.

Captain Wayne King of the charter boat **King Wayne** had a trip Sunday for the Pescadors Fishing Club led by Ed Parker. They fished Southwest Ledge and had 30 cod to 22 lbs. and 65 blacks to 11 lbs., on clam and green crabs, respectively.

From Captain Richie Rade's **Marlin Fleet** came word of Sunday's catch at the Block Island shoals of 8 to 12 mixed cod and blacks a man. These fish ran 8 to 10 pounds average and pools are running in the 20s. Lots of doggies are in the deeps. Note that the **Marlin V** is now booking charters for the spring of '84. See ad for details.

Capt. Bill Ricca of the charter boat **Alyssa Ann** closed out the season with a bussman's holiday on Wednesday.

Randy, Tom and Mark of Hill Bros. Roofing display a trio of 30 pound plus stripers taken at Montauk this fall aboard the charter boat, "Adios."

He and Gene Ritter worked a pile of rubble off the point's south side and took 42 blacks from 2-5 pounds. Bill asked that we thank his customers for their patronage and relayed his wishes for a happy, healthy holiday season.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Flounder fishing in Moriches Bay, despite the late date, is really coming into its own and a couple of fishing station owners and open boat skippers are rearranging their schedules to accomodate anglers looking to cash in on this late action. Flounder fishing in Great South Bay appears to be in fairly good shape but the big news in this area is the showing of cod. Good catches were made for the first time on open bottom on Sunday and good fishing also continued on the wrecks. Bluefish remain a safe bet for boatmen outside of the inlets and it looks like its going to take a real winter storm to move the fish from our area.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Capt. Chip of the **Moriches** open boat **Capt. Leo D** said that flounder action is moving into full gear with the pool fish each day falling into the 2-2½ pound class. Best action has been in 5-8 feet of water east of buoy 42 and incoming water has had the edge over the ebb. Despite strong winds most of the week fares still averaged 15-20 nice flatties apiece. The skipper said that he will continue sailing his regular schedule through Christmas and will follow that with a limited schedule providing the bay remains free of ice. Many in the area expects the best fishing of the year to occur in December and Chip said that once the fish move from the bay he will begin running east to the Quogue Canal.

Speaking from **L & M Marine** in **East Moriches**, Steve Naeder spoke of plenty of flatties at buoy 42. Walt Phillips, Ed Lancaster and Tom Ward used mussel chum and bait to put away over 100 flatties to 2 pounds. To the east, in the Quogue Canal boatmen worked the buoy 54 area to the tune of 40-60 flatties per boat. These were smaller fish and Steve feels that it will be a couple of weeks before the big fish move from the bay into the Canal.

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Fishing Station reminded that Sunday was his last day of the season but quickly added that the biggest consideration was the weather and not the fishing. Gary expects the flounder fishing to remain in good shape for quite a while yet but doesn't feelt that the weather is dependable enough to remain open at this point of the season. His last day of business saw good catches of big fish made in the shallows NE of buoy 42 with fish taken on worms and mussels along with mussel chum. Smaller fish are in the deeper holes.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** called the Great South Bay flounder action decent at Heckscher, and off Howell's Point in Bellport. The best flounder fishing seems to be located in Moriches Bay and in the Quogue Canal. Several customers reported making good scores of flatties fishing from the banks of the Canal. Paul reminded that he does have worms in stock for flounder fans.

Speaking from **J & R Sports Center**, Al Colban said that Dave Canale of the store shot his first buck after 18 years of trying. The six pointer came from the Catskills. On the fishing front, a good showing of cod on open bottom this weekend and continued good fishing on the wrecks. Several areas produced good flounder scores when the weather permitted boatmen a crack at the flatties. Al named Good Sam, the east side of the Captree Bridge, Buoys 7 & 8 in West Channel, Brightwaters, Buoys 4 & 5, Heckscher and Clam Pond as all having produced good flounder action. He added that all local rivers remain well supplied with white perch and knew of a 4½ pound brown taken this week in Mill River and a 5½ pound brown taken from Carman's River.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Casey Lee** closed out the season this weekend and called to aske that we wish all of his customers a happy holiday season. Already looking ahead to next spring, the skipper is looking to March 3rd for his first trip of the spring.

Capt. John Cuozzo of the charter boat **Afterglo** which hails from **Captree** is amazed to find acres of bluefish still camped in 35' of water between the old Lighthouse and the Robert Moses Tower on Sunday. Not one to pass up a good thing, the skipper put his crew to work with diamond jigs and before long 40 blues up to 20 pounds were put in the box.

Capt. Carl Passero of the open boat **Jib VI** continues to work on the Fire Island Reef blackfish population while weather kept the boat in port most of the week, Sunday's fishing resulted in approximately 350 blacks for 17 fares. The fish were mixed from 2 to 7 pounds. Jim Calascone of Deer Park

was hi-hook with 20 blacks. Carl added that he will continue on the blackfish run at least through next weekend.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Joseph II** was more than pleased with Sunday's fishing on some of his favorite wrecks. As evidence of the action, Charlie told of Bob & Bernie Reichert and Vin Riffino who put away 26 cod between them. Pool winner for the day was Steve Waterstone with a 37 pounder. He had 8 other cod as well. Don Farley took a 32 pound cod to go with 6 other fish. Charlie noted that mixed with the cod which ranged primarily from 5 to 12 pounds are some sea bass, blacks and big blues. Even on Friday, with winds gusting to over 50 mph, 15 fares managed 45 cod before surrendering to the elements late in the morning.

Editor's Note. The sailing time of the **Capt. Joseph II** was incorrectly listed in last week's issue of the Fisherman as 7AM. The boat is sailing daily for cod at 6AM.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** spoke of good codfish action all week even through all of the wind. Most fish range between 8 & 12 pounds and pool fish is generally in the 25 pound range. George has been working both wrecks and open bottom with some blackfish still mixing in on the wrecks.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen II** said that once the wind subsided fares picked away nicely on the cod. Gordon was enthused with the showing of the fish on open bottom on Sunday as the fish were spread over a broad range of ocean which bodes well for the season. Seventeen fares on Sunday accounted for approximately 40 cod with most in the 8-12 pound class. Largest was a 25 pounder.

Fred Austin of **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** had the most encouraging news of open bottom cod action.

Karyn Galletto of Islip decked this big bluefish during a night trip aboard the Captree open boat, "Captree Queen II."

Reporting on the results of Sunday's Babylon Tuna Club Cod Contest, Fred said that loads of cod were taken and that some of the boats did handily with the fish. Bob Schwartz of the Pride & Joy was among the pace setters with 31 cod up to 15 pounds. Phil Fraccalaveri of the Happy Hooker won the club affair with a 30.14 pound cod. Dom Moravito took 2nd with a 28.7 pounder on the J & B and Dick Orlandi of the Three Sons nailed down third with an 18.4 pound cod. If it were not for a plastic sheet which found its way around his prop, George Burns would have nailed down top honors with a 35 pound cod. Unfortunately the fish reached the scales too late. Of the flounder fishing, Fred spoke of a few good sized fish around.

Ralph Angelillo of **Z Crab Tackle in Copiague** told of a good showing of cod on open bottom Sunday for the private boat fleet. Flounder fishing from Bergen Point on down to the Massapequa area has been decent with some nice sized fish being taken. And for those so enclined, still good numbers of big crabs being taken with the use of Maryland Crab Traps in the Sore Thumb Pocket.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

A building of the cod fishing and a continuance of the picking away at flounder continues in this area. Most of the bluefish have left, but a few slammers are left around on rocks, wrecks and free swimming.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

From the **Freeport** area we heard from the **Miss Freeport II** regarding Sunday's excellent codfishing. Queens Village angler D. Chand had a 28 lb. pool winner and five other cod. Four was the count for Bob Arnold. Mr. Mercado hoisted 5 cod and 21 blacks and took them back to Queens Village with him. Sal Neglia, father of Capt. Gary Neglia decked 30 black-

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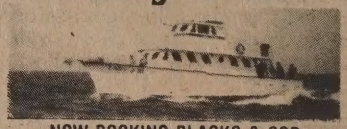

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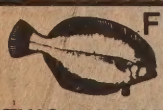

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fish. Three members of the Domingo family from Bklyn. had 12 cod and 25 blacks. All fishing was done on nearby wrecks.

Aboard the **Starstream II**, skipper Richie Kessinger reports the codfishing has taken a definite upswing with high count of the week being 60 for one day's fishing. Big fish of the week was a 32 lb. cod taken by Bob Ahrens of Westbury. The boat has been fishing wrecks, rocks and reefs in 75 to 110 feet of water and Richie said there were fish on every drop made. The boat is fishing anywhere from 45 minutes to 1 hour and 15 minutes from the jetty. Catches are running up to 7 cod per man with the individual catch depending on the angler's luck and/or skill. Blacks and sea bass are mixed in.

Word from the **Super Spray II** was of a good catch of cod Saturday and an even better one Sunday, with lots of catches of 3, 4 and 5 fish a man with the pool fish hitting 30 lbs. on the nose. This has all been on wrecks and there is a definite upswing in the catch. The skipper called Monday AM of this week while we were putting these reports together and advised that by 8AM, the 10 fares aboard had hoisted over 35 cod in the 8 to 12 lb. range. If this is an indication of things to come, this is going to be some cod season.

Word from the **Capt. Al** was of very good cod activity all week. On Wednesday's trip many fares had 7 to 8 cod each. On Saturday 14 fares pulled 70 cod. George Muff of Brooklyn had 10 cod to 25 lbs. while Mike Vogel had 9 cod to 20 lbs. and Bob Katacin hoisted a 48½ lber. Claude Gristam was runnerup with a 45 lb. cod. Over 120 cod was the body count for 30 fares Sunday. Charles Sejea of Bayside managed 10 cod from 7 to 15 lbs., while John Mangual of Merrick was happy with 6 cod to 24 lbs. Jim Whelan of Oceanside took the pool with a 24 lber. Fishing is on various rocks, reef and wrecks anywhere from 5 to 18 miles from the inlet on clam.

For the flounder fanciers, the word from the **Capt. Lou Fleet** is that for the balance of the season Capt. Mike Dannon will be running the **CL III** on its two half-days trips daily. Mike said flounder catches had been very good all week, with high hooks in the 40s. Saturday's high hook was 45 keepers out of 65 caught by one fare. On Sunday Mary Lou Valenti and Elizabeth Daguanno had 82 flounder between them. The half day boat saw catches this week in the high 20s. The half day trips will continue weather permitting through Christmas and Mike says come on down.

Over in **Point Lookout** a call from the charter boat **Marie III** told of Saturday's picking away at flounder in the bay at Swift and Long Creeks on worm and clam for flatties to 1½ lbs. Sunday's trip had passengers working rocky bottoms and wrecks taking approximately 30 cod to 23 lbs. and 175 blacks from 1 to 4 pounds. Pool winner was Lou Capuano of Hoboken,

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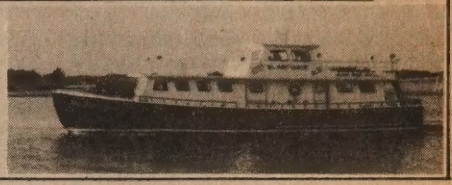

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NJ. Second place went to Phil Delaney with a 20 lb. cod. The cod took clam and the blackfish wanted green crab. The boat still has some open spots for Saturday's open cod trip.

From the **Miss Point Lookout** we learned from Capt. Ron of some good flounder catches. Monday was fair with Eric Olsen taking 18 flatties in the AM. On the PM trip, Earl French had 30 flounder plus the pool. Tuesday's AM trip had Ed and Emma McDermott with 45 flatties. Doctor Vic Levinson totalled 26 and Joe Brockman 31. Tony KJlimasz had 15 flounder plus the 2¼ lb. pool fish. Tuesday PM Ryan and Carol Crowley hoisted 30 while Lily and George had 32 and Bill Suttman counted 29 in his bucket. Thursday AM Young Kim had 30 fish, Andy Nielsen, 20, Terry Kramer, 22 and Charlie Fitzpatrick 34. On Wednesday Rick Murray scored with 70 flounder including a 2 lber., while Steve Lowenthal had 66 and Julius Fass 31 in the afternoon. Saturday AM Young Kim returned for high hook honors with 44 flounder. Andy Nelson was there again for 29 more. On the PM trip Mike Plia took the pool as did Ed Weiss Sunday PM. Best action was in Swift and Long Creeks on worms and clam on the flood.

The word from **Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook** is that the store will remain open for business through the winter while construction continues on the store's expansion.

NEW YORK BIGHT

The info from Wee Willie over at **Mike's Tackle Shop in Sheepshead Bay** is that it's been a slaughter on blackfish and blues for the Bay's fleet. **Pilot II** has been slaughtering blacks at Sea Bright and 17 fish up to 6 lbs. on green crab. Loads of big blues are still being taken at the Farms and 17 on bait.

A call from the **Elsie K III** advised that the schedule has been cut down to Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Flounder action has increased. High hook Wednesday was 30 flatties with a lot of fish between 1 and 2 lbs. and very few midgets. Captain Tom has been working off Annandale in Staten Island and off the Jersey coast. He said that catches will be good from now through mid December.

A call from Capt. George of the two trip a day **Pastime II** advised that flounder fishing remains good to excellent. The boat was at the dock most of last week due to the unfavorable weather conditions. Saturday's fishing started poor but when the wind dropped later in the day, the fish began to feed. Things increased Sunday to normal. Jim Long of Co-op City Anglers was high hook with 27 keepers up to 2¼ lbs. Hottest areas have been the Round House and Silver Hole with mussels working best followed by worms.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Carrell

Post mortems following the last stomr (just before the weekend) showed that blackfish action had become very picky just about everywhere. Much of the fishing activity on the Bays and inshore was confined to flounder, with mixed results.

WESTERN SOUND

John's Gun in **New Rochelle** told us that Glen Island and Echo Bay were producing ample quantities of flatties in the ¾ pound class. John's Still has some sandworms along with frozen bait.

Jack Rumpf closed down **Jacks Bait and Tackle** on **City Island** thas past week. Rumpf told us that this seems to be one of the best flounder years in a long time with flatties in good sizes all over Eastchester Bay. Hart's Island and the Ferry Slip were among the places recommended in 12-16' of water.

Dave Watt at the **Glen Cove Sports Shop** still had sandworms along with frozen clam and squid. Dave likes Dosoris Pond, Tappan Beach and the Point of Rocks at Sea Cliff for local flounder. Until the storm, there were still some local blackfish around.

Dom Cerbone finished up the year with the **Apache** from **City Island** working a single drop in 80' of water off Norwalk on Sunday. While the fishing was "no slaughter", most fares walked away with 4-5 fish from 2-8 pounds.

Gary had the **Klondike VIII** working for blackfish Sunday on the last day of the Pearson's season. The big boat from New Rochelle will be taken sout for a little while this winter to be fitted up with awnings and some "rearrangements" before starting up next spring.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine from **Four Winds** in **Huntington** has just ordered more worms for next week and has the usual chum and frozen clams. George also had two reports of good flounder action off Lloyds with decent fishing inside the Bay too. Apparently there were still blackfish off buoy 24C in 70' of water before the big blow. Ronnie Ferraro at **Ronnie's** had heard of some blackfish in 35-45 feet of water off buoy 11B. Inside, flounder were plentiful in ½ to ¾ pound sizes but one boat outside Caumsett had 6 fish over one pound. Lloyds Point was playing host to large numbers of schoolie bass for catch-and-release fishing. None ofthe fish are legal size. Ronnie has worms, green crabs, and frozen bait.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in **Northport** advises the Town Dock for flounder now. The store is open 10-2 on Sundays but is out of fresh bait for the season.

Sal Gattuso at **Sutler's** in **Port Jefferson** told us that everybody is fishing for flounder in Setauket Harbor. Fish are ¾ pound and up. Worms are still available as well as some green crabs. A tremendous school of short bass went through the Port Jeff area over the weekend and many fish were trolled and released on umbrellas. Ralph Davenport from **Ralph's** in **Mount Sinai** was busy bassing while the store was selling sandworms and frozen clams.

Ken Freeman from the **Angler's Den** in **Selden** advises that they still have a few worms and crabs left. He feels that flounder anglers would be well advised to give the South Shore a try right now.

NORTH FORK

Ed Kopack tells us that **Warren's** in **Aquebogue** will be staying open Saturdays until 4 and Sundays til noon. The shop still has some sand worms as well as frozen bait. Kopack advises that the mouth of the Peconic River still has some flatties for the small boat fisherman.

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** advises that there had been some good flounder action before the storm off Petty's Bight, in East Marion, and in Orient Harbor. Green crabs and skimmers were still available at White's as long as the Greenport open boats continue to run.

John Rainis enjoyed a nice day on Wednesday with the **Blue Albatross** but said that the pick down at Fisher's Island was a slow one. There were blackfish of course, but no cod and no pollock. Dave Brennan braved the winds with the **Peconic Star** over the weekend asn was not happy with the results. It's a good bet that plummeting water temperatures are to blame. The Sound off Mattituck is now down to 46 degrees at the surface. Brennan said that blacks tended to be small just about everywhere off New London, Fisher's, Plum and Gull and that the occasional bulldogs were all foul hooked. The best fish of the day was less than 9½ pounds. Dave will be watching wind, weather and fan interest in the next week and he may sail for yet another weekend, namely the 10th and 11th of December, as well as this coming Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The **Blue Albatross** will be bringing down the curtain on Sunday, December 4.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Colofaro

With sources of info drying up and the ranks of casters thinning fast, this week will wrap up the season's Surf Report.

For the second consecutive year, big blues remain a possibility as we move into December, but bass remain conspicuous by their absence. According to reliable sources, Jones Beach Parking Field 6 and Robert Moses Parking field 4 each produced "just a couple" of big blues a day through Thanksgiving morning. There was a report of some good action on the beach at the western reaches of FINS early Wednesday morning and a few big blues taken inside Moriches Inlet during Friday's storm. Of interest to those who haven't had their fill of blues and are looking to extend the season, one boatman reported acres of big blues in just 35 feet of water, south of the Robert Moses tower on Sunday.

Beyond the trickle of bluefish news, bass remain virtually non-existent along our beaches despite continued good action wtih big fish over on Block Island as recently as Tuesday night. Unfortunately for Montauk anglers, these late run cows appear to have made Block Island their last stop for the last several years while the Point has gone dry.

Before closing up shop I would like to extend my appreciation to all those who contributed to the reports during the season. Without their help mine would have been an impossible task. I would also like to extend sincere wishes to the entire surf crowd for a happy and healthy off-season.

Five-year-old Jeffrey Bowles cradles a huge blue he beached at Robert Moses Parking Field #4 in November. The proud youngster was fishing with his dad, Lt. Cdr. "Roddy" Bowles of Coast Guard Station, Fire Island. Subscriber photo.

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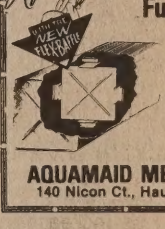
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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	5:05	5:25	5:50	6:10	5:40	6:00	6:35	7:05	9:00	9:30	8:25	8:55	4:50	5:15	12/1
FRI.	5:55	6:15	6:40	7:00	6:30	6:50	7:20	7:55	9:50	10:20	9:15	9:45	5:40	6:00	12/2
SAT.	6:40	7:00	7:25	7:50	7:15	7:35	8:05	8:40	10:35	11:10	10:00	10:35	6:25	6:45	12/3
SUN.	7:20	7:40	8:10	8:35	8:00	8:20	8:50	9:25	11:20	11:50	10:45	11:15	7:10	7:50	12/4
MON.	8:00	8:20	8:50	9:15	8:40	9:05	9:30	10:05	—	12:00	11:30	—	7:55	8:15	12/5
TUES.	8:40	9:05	9:35	10:00	9:25	9:55	10:15	10:50	12:35	12:35	12:00	12:10	8:40	9:00	12/6
WED.	9:20	9:45	10:20	10:45	10:10	10:45	10:55	11:35	1:15	1:05	12:40	12:55	9:20	9:45	12/7
THURS.	10:05	10:35	11:00	11:30	10:55	11:35	11:40	—	1:55	1:40	1:25	1:40	10:05	10:30	12/8

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehobeth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	–0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point, north side	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	–0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rochelle	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	–1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 12/1	7:08	4:29
FRI. 12/2	7:09	4:29
SAT. 12/3	7:10	4:29
SUN. 12/4	7:11	4:29
MON. 12/5	7:12	4:29
TUE. 12/6	7:13	4:29
WED. 12/7	7:14	4:29

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 12/1	3:39AM	2:57PM
FRI. 12/2	4:49AM	3:27PM
SAT. 12/3	5:58AM	4:01PM
SUN. 12/4	7:06AM	4:40PM
MON. 12/5	8:11AM	5:25PM
TUE. 12/6	9:09AM	6:16PM
WED. 12/7	10:00AM	7:12PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
3/14	3/22	3/28	3/6

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES

The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	1:55	**8:00**	2:20	**8:35**
Fri.	2:50	**8:45**	2:55	**9:10**
Sat.	3:25	**9:30**	3:40	**9:55**
Sun.	4:10	**10:20**	4:30	**10:45**
Mon.	5:00	**11:15**	5:25	**11:25**
Tues.	6:00	—	6:30	**12:15**
Wed.	6:55	**12:24**	7:25	**1:10**
*Thurs.	7:50	**1:40**	8:20	**2:05**

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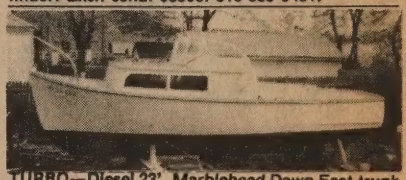

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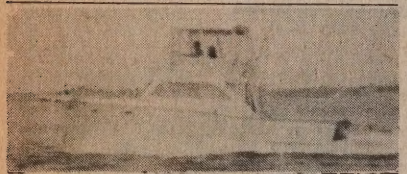

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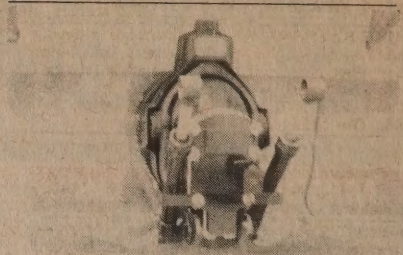

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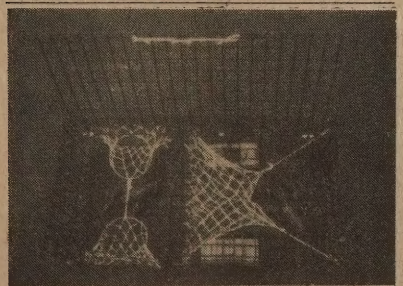

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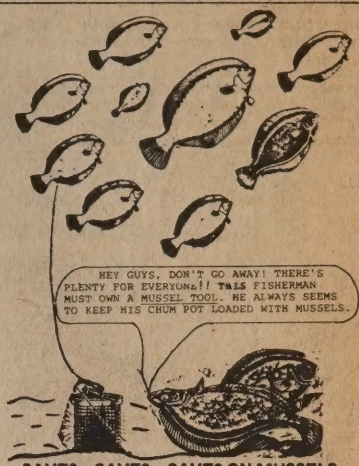
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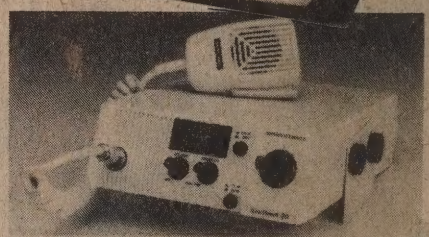

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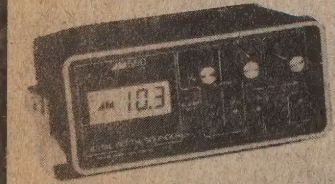

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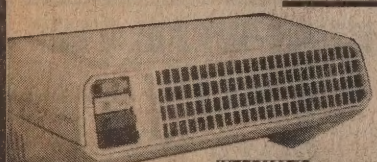

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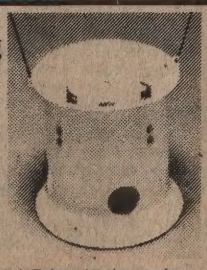

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Up to 23'	15x25	$90.00	$32.22
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Up to 26'	20x30	$144.00	$51.55
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